

CHINA FACES CRISIS WHICH SAVORS OF WAR WITH MIKADO

Unless Oriental Republic Agrees To Grant Recent Demands Made By Japan, Latter Hints Broadly They Will Be Enforced

YUAN OPPOSES SURRENDER OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

Willing To Meet Some Conditions Imposed By Tokio Government, But Says Encroachment Upon Domain Of Chinese Must Stop

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

PEKING, February 8.—War upon China by Japan, unless the Oriental Republic agrees to grant the recent demands made by Tokio, is threatened, according to the despatches yesterday received by Yuan Shih-kai from the Chinese minister at Tokio, upon whom a practical ultimatum has been served.

That Japan is prepared to take military action to enforce her demands is the substance of the minister's cabled report, which has created a tremendous stir here.

DEMANDS REASONABLE

Yuan Shih-kai says that some of the demands made by Japan will be granted, but those demands which transgress the territorial integrity of the Republic will be resisted.

China, he says, cannot surrender any part of her sovereign right.

The original demand in the controversy that has assumed such extreme importance, came from China, which notified Japan that it was about to declare the war zone in the Shantung Peninsula abolished and requested the withdrawal of the Japanese forces from all parts of the peninsula except those which had previously been in actual possession of the Germans, at Kiaochau.

DISCLAIMER BY JAPAN

Japan's response was a disclaimer that Japan was in occupation of territory greater than had been controlled by Germany, the disclaimer being followed by a series of demands for trade concessions, railroad rights and other privileges. These were served upon China by Minister Heiki, who has since conferred frequently with Mr. Sun, the Chinese minister of foreign affairs.

ISSUES ARE OBSCURE

The Japanese press of recent dates discusses the question of the Chinese-Japanese relations at length, without stating in exact terms just what are the demands being made upon China. They agree that a number of questions arising out of the occupation of Kiaochau by Japan call for some direct settlement between Japan and China before any peace can be concluded between Japan and Germany.

The original demand from China, abolishing the war zone, is referred to as an insulting document, the credit for the blundering diplomacy being given to the Far Eastern Peace Preservation Society, of which the Rev. W. W. Thwing, once of Honolulu, is president.

The references to Mr. Thwing in the vernacular press are far from complimentary, while his society is accused of the attempt to stir up trouble between Japan and China from pro-German motives.

AUSTRIANS ATTACK MONTENEGRIN FRONT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

PARIS, February 8.—The resumption of the Austrian attacks upon all the Montenegrin positions along the bank of the Drina River is reported in despatches from Cetinje. The Montenegrin official statement says that the Austrian fire has been silenced by the Montenegrin artillery.

Belgian People Must Have Food Now Being Sent

Situation Is Acute and Starvation Has Populace Within Its Fatal Grasp

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, February 8.—The situation is acute. If the supply of food now being sent for distribution among the Belgian population be diminished, a large part of the Belgian people will die of starvation.

Such is the message yesterday cabled to former Governor Stubbs of Kansas by former Congressman Scott of that state.

Mr. Scott has just returned to London from Belgium, where he has been inspecting, on behalf of the American commission for Belgian relief, the work of food distribution.

TURKISH INVASION THREATENS EGYPT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 8.—An official report of the operations in the Turkish invasion of Egypt, made yesterday, says that the vanguard of the Turkish forces advancing east of the Suez Canal has driven back the British outposts and that a battle is developing. West of the canal, around Ismailia, and on the eastern side, at El Kantara, battles are being fought.

General Obregon, in Mexico City and Representing Carranza, Repudiates Convention

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN ANTONIO, February 8.—General Obregon, who is holding the City of Mexico for Provisional President Carranza, has declined to entertain the peace overtures offered by the Mexican convention proposing a plan for the cessation of hostilities. Obregon's reply was the first to be received by the convention and it is believed here that the efforts of that body to bring about peace will be fruitless.

RELIEF FOR PEOPLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

CITY OF MEXICO, February 8.—General Obregon's made an official announcement today that relief stations will be established today throughout the entire capital to alleviate the suffering of the hungry and jobless. From these relief stations money and supplies will be distributed among the poor and starving.

ALLIES AGAIN BOMBARD FORTS OF DARDANELLES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, February 8.—According to a dispatch from Athens, four torpedo boats of the Allies yesterday bombarded the forts of the Dardanelles, which had already suffered heavily from the bombardments of the battleships and battlecruisers of the Allies operating in Turkish Mediterranean waters. As a result of yesterday's bombardment, the ammunition depots of a number of the forts have been set afire.

Smart Agrees That Little Richard May Visit Grandmother

RICHARD SMART will be brought to Honolulu by Mrs. M. H. Lemon, in whose charge he was recently placed by Judge Mathewman of the Kalua circuit court, probably next Saturday, to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Knight, who expects to leave shortly on a brief visit to San Francisco.

This visit of the little baby, over whose custody and inheritance a big legal battle has been waging for some time, has been made possible through the courtesy of Henry Gailard Smart, the father, and his lawyers. The request was made by Mrs. Knight's lawyers to the general terms, which have already been agreed to in principle by both sides. Another fact that is taken as conclusive of early peace is that Mrs. Knight would not be traveling to the Coast shortly if the war over her grandchild and his inheritance was to be prolonged.

The hearings in seven habeas corpus petitions, which were scheduled to have been taken up in the federal court Saturday, were continued to next Saturday at ten o'clock in the morning.

NERVY GERMAN SURRENDERED NEW GUINEA

Commander Beresford of Australian Forces Describes Capture of Teuton Possession

Natives Rally After Capitulation But Are Subdued; Herbertshohe Strongly Defended

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SYDNEY, Australia, February 8.—The capture of German New Guinea by the Australian Naval Reserve is thus described by Commander Beresford, who commanded the Australian force:

"We had taken the first line of trenches, and advanced upon the second line of trenches, when a flag of truce appeared and a German officer with an orderly came up to ask me what terms he could get for surrender. The orderly acted as interpreter. I have since found out that the German officer understands English as well as I do myself.

GERMAN COMMANDER COOL

"I had already written out the terms of surrender. It was to be an unconditional surrender of all his forces and his arms. There was forty minutes' parleying with altogether too much German for me. At last, my patience exhausted, I pulled out my watch and gave him five minutes to sign 'surrender.' I like that man. He's one of the coolest soldiers I've met. He talked German to his interpreter for exactly four minutes, and then he signed 'surrender.'

NATIVES ARE TREACHEROUS

"I sent Lieutenant Bond with the German officer, who undertook to order his men to cease firing at once. The lieutenant was armed and I told him at the slightest sign to shoot both the German officer and his interpreter. The second line of trenches being reached, the German officer kept his word, but the other man rushed into the trenches and rallied the natives, who opened fire. Lieutenant Bond shot that man dead, and about fifteen other natives also died as the result of the treachery.

DEFENSES WERE IDEAL

"We found that Herbertshohe was splendidly prepared for a defense. They had had two months to get ready, and their trenches and defenses were placed in ideal positions."

Full Reparation For Invasion of Consulate At Hodeida Staves Off War

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

ROME, February 8.—Announcement was made here yesterday that the Turkish authorities at Yemen have given complete satisfaction to Italy for the invasion by Turks of the Italian consulate at Hodeida and the removal from the building of the British consul, who had sought refuge under the protection of the Italian flag.

According to advices received here, the Turkish authorities saluted the Italian flag and made other amends demanded.

Thus is declared closed an incident which for some time, due to dilatory tactics on the part of Turkey in making answer to the Italian demands threatened to embroil the two countries in war and thus bring Italy into the general war on the side of the Allies.

MAJOR MEYERS HEADS WORLD'S FAIR GUARDS

A battalion of marines, under command of Maj. John T. Meyers, well known in Honolulu, and consisting of the Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-fourth Companies, each of an enlisted strength of about one hundred men, from Mare Island, Cal., has been ordered into camp on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, for duty during the time the exposition is open.

In addition to Major Meyers the following officers are attached to the battalion: Capt. James McE. Huey, First Lieut. Thomas D. Barber, John Potts, Leon W. Hoyt and Edward M. Reese and Second Lieut. Miles R. Faeher. Daniel M. Gardner Jr. and Henry R. Pickett. Two more officers probably will be ordered to the battalion.

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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL GRANT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER WILL BE MADE

Governor Pinkham has agreed to grant a right-of-way over the Lihue and Kapaehouli lands on Kauai for the extension of the plantation railroad systems of these two plantations so that they will tap the rich pineapples and cane lands now being cultivated by homesteaders.

Attorney Frank E. Thompson has notified the Governor that his clients will apply to the incoming legislature for a charter to establish a railroad on the east and southeast sides of the island of Kauai, the ultimate destination of the extension of the railroad to be at Nawiliwili when a suitable deep water harbor shall be established at this point. The proposed railroad will connect with the government-owned railway at Kapaehouli, says the Governor, at such a point as the government may direct.

In a letter written to Attorney Thompson, made public yesterday, Governor Pinkham lays down the policy of the administration in regard to future railroads. The letter is as follows: "It is the intention of the administration, at the earliest possible moment, to define its general policy toward chartered common carrier transportation companies. This policy will be applicable to the purposes of your clients who have indicated their intention to at once apply to the legislature for a charter to establish a railroad on the east and southeast sides of the island of Kauai, specifying its ultimate destination and terminal shall be at the harbor of Nawiliwili when a suitable deep water harbor shall there be established. It is understood that this railroad shall connect with the government-owned railway at Kapaehouli, where the government may direct.

With Approval of the Governor, it will be the policy of the government to grant a right-of-way over all public lands subject to the approval of the Governor, as is now the rule of the government.

"It will be the policy of the government, where any lands revert to the government, to grant or confirm any rights-of-way, provided they are first approved by the Governor.

"It will be the policy of the government to continue its customary approval of all plantations, agreements between those termed homesteaders and the mill. The railroad, regarded strictly as a common carrier under governmental approval, shall be established without discrimination.

"Pending organization and charter, the Governor, as controlled by law, will grant a license on an agreed right-of-way established on the above conditions.

"Formal papers will be exchanged as soon as possible to prepare."

The decision of the Governor was arrived at only after he had received an opinion from Attorney General Stanback bearing on the powers and prerogatives of the chief executive in the premises. The Governor put the following four questions up to the attorney general, which he asked if he had the authority:

First—To grant licenses for rights-of-way over public lands; secondly—To make such grants exclusive rights-of-way; thirdly—To grant rights-of-way over lands homesteaded but not patented; and lastly—What, if any, laws restrain the Governor from granting such rights-of-way under licenses for a term of years or until certain specific conditions may be complied with?

The opinion of the attorney general of the Territory, based on these questions, is as follows:

"First—The commissioner of public lands, by and with the authority of the Governor, has general power to lease, sell or otherwise dispose of public lands and other property in such manner as he may deem best for the protection of agriculture and the general welfare of the Territory." Section 252, Revised Laws.

"The Organic Act now contains a provision whereby the commissioner, with the approval of the land board, sell government lands for the location of rights of way, etc." Section 3, Organic Act as amended. Having specific power to sell for such purposes and the general power of disposing of lands, there can be little doubt that such rights of way may be granted in the form of easements or licenses as well as by actual sales or leases.

"Second—The question of whether rights of way may be exclusive or non-exclusive is intended to mean. A real right of way must necessarily be exclusive in one sense of the word; for example, a grant of a right of way for a ditch would necessarily exclude in that it would be physically impossible for the land actually occupied by the ditch to be used by others for similar purposes; in the same way a right of way for a railroad might be exclusive, in that it could not be used for the same purposes elsewhere; but if the word exclusive is used in the sense that it is a grant which will prohibit the granting of a right of way parallel to or across or

AUSTRIAN ARMY IN BUKOWINA IS GAINING

Official Advices From Vienna Say Muscovite Forces Are In Full Retreat

Situation in Poland and Western Galicia Is Reported To Remain Unchanged

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

BERLIN, February 8.—According to official advices received yesterday from Vienna, the Austrian troops in Southern Bukovina are progressing favorably in their advance, with the Russians in complete retreat.

In a series of engagements when the retreating Russians attempted to make a stand they were thrown back with heavy losses. Twelve hundred prisoners and much war material was captured.

AUSTRIANS AT KIMPOLUNG

Yesterday the Austrian troops re-entered Kimpolung and were received with acclaim by the population.

In the Adriatic Sea the Austrians report that the attacks of their aviators on French transports met with success, though no statement of damage in detail was made.

SITUATION IN POLAND

The Austrian capital also reports that the situation in Russian Poland and in Western Galicia remains unchanged.

Official advices from Petrograd partially admit that the Russian army is retreating before the Austrians.

RUSSIANS IN RETREAT

A portion of the official report says: "Notwithstanding the bending back of the Russian troops in the Carpathian passes in Southern Bukovina, the fighting is following a course favorable to the Russians. In the action of February 4 we took one thousand prisoners."

Hundreds of Thousands of Men, Women and Children Are Suffering Terribly

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

THE HAGUE, February 8.—America and Germany will join in a monster and widespread movement for the relief of the war devastated districts in Poland, where hundreds of thousands of men, women and children have been driven from their homes and have seen their sources of food supply destroyed are now on the verge of starvation and death from the bitter cold because of lack of clothing and shelter. Representatives of the American Red Cross and the Rockefeller Foundation have pronounced this work of Polish relief as essential as the relief work in Belgium, contending that Poland has been devastated as badly as Belgium.

near the first one or within the same district, then I am of the opinion that no exclusive right of way can be granted; that you cannot grant a right which in its nature so resembles an exclusive franchise; further, such grants would be unwise, even though you had the power.

Homesteaders Have a Say

"Third—The question of granting a right of way over lands taken up by homesteaders or to which they have not yet obtained title is covered in the first place by the contract between the government and the homesteader. Some of the contracts reserve the privilege in the government for locating certain rights of way across them. If the matter is not covered by the contract between the government and the homesteader, then the government of course cannot interfere with the homesteader's rights to the land. However, if the homesteader consents and grants a right of way to the government, as owner of the legal title, may join in.

No Consent of Land Board Needed

"Fourth—Section 252, giving the commissioner of public lands, by and with the authority of the Governor, general power to dispose of public lands, provides that such power shall be subject, however, to such restrictions as may, from time to time, be expressly provided by law. The only express provision that now occurs to me bearing upon this question is Section 73 of the Organic Act as amended. This provides that 'no leases of agricultural land exceeding forty acres or pastoral or waste land exceeding 200 acres in area shall be made without the approval of two-thirds of the board of public lands.' It also provides that 'the commissioner, with the approval of this board, sell government land for the purposes of locating railroad rights of way, etc.' This section does not expressly cover licenses, but a license, coupled with an interest, is for practical purposes similar to lease or sales of land itself for the rights of way and it seems to me to come within the spirit of the provision. However, it can be said against such a construction that the consent of the land board is not required for leases covering less than amounts specified in this section, and therefore the provision should not be construed to cover grants of an interest in the land specified."

Mayor Lane Urges Off-Port Aloha To Carnival Visitors

Wants Pretty Girls To Meet Tourists and Greet Them With Songs and Leis

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

THEY can have more than the band. If I may speak for the other officials of the city, we want to have a real part in the carnival and to feel that we have done something to make it the success it no doubt will be."

With these words, Mayor Lane answered the request of Director General Dougherty for use of the Royal Hawaiian band during the week of the celebration. Mr. Dougherty stated that in order to carry out the program, he would like to have the band at his disposal for the entire eight days.

Carnival Promotion Asset

"They can have more than the band," repeated the mayor. "We realize what the carnival means to Honolulu, and we are not content to take a passive interest in it. Possibly we will not be able to make any or much of a financial offering, but there are many other things we can do to help Mr. Dougherty and the board of directors."

"I want them to feel free to ask any favor they wish; and if it is possible I will see that their request is met. The supervisors I have talked with on the subject feel as I do. The carnival, aside from being a superb entertainment for residents of the Territory, is a promotion medium, and we are interested in all forms of promotion work which is for the betterment of Honolulu."

Girls To Meet Visitors

"The program which Director General Dougherty has prepared is splendid, I think. I have only one suggestion to make, and that doesn't go to the program, and does not really come within the scope of the director's work. It is on the welcoming of the tourists as they arrive for the carnival."

"I know of nothing that would be prettier, or nothing that would elicit more sweetly and pleasantly to the memory of the tourist than to be met as the steamer, upon which he is a passenger, arrives off port, by young ladies, with their arms filled with carnal leis. It would be a unique and altogether attractive feature, which would win the tourist to our Islands before he sets foot upon them. He would come ashore with a lot around his neck, glad he is here, and delighted with his welcome."

Would Be Unique Welcome

"It would be, as I say, such a unique and unexpected welcome; an experience he could not meet with anywhere else. He would see in it the contrast of Hawaii's traditional hospitality, and it would be an experience he would write home to tell about."

"Of course this is something to be taken up by others than the carnival directors. They have their hands full now. They have an immense part to play. But there are several societies that could do it, and would do it were they asked."

FILIPINO DANCE HALLS LURE FOR YOUNG GIRLS

That through the influence of certain Filipino dance halls in the country districts, young girls are led astray and turned into loose characters, is the statement of Deputy Sheriff Rickard of Honolulu. The deputy has personal knowledge of such incidents, and he is trying all he can to have the law changed so that such dances can be prohibited.

It appears that every pay day the Filipinos hold dances at the various plantations, and that the girls who dance there are paid on a percentage basis. That is to say that young Hawaiian girls are enticed to frequent the dances, and for every partner they secure they are paid a percentage of the entrance money to the hall. It is obvious that the girls, some of them only fourteen and fifteen years of age, do their best to attract partners. The participants in the dance divide that it paid. "Wall flowers" are about as welcome in the Filipino dance hall as anywhere else.

That one-sided bargains are made by the Filipino men, and that they demand some further inducement besides the privilege of tangoing with the Hawaiian girls in return for taking them as partners is the claim of people who know all about the horrible state of affairs. Three young Hawaiian girls are about to become mothers. Two others of very tender years have been married to Filipinos in order to quash legal proceedings, and still the merry percentage dances continue.

Efforts are being made to get the legislators from Hawaii to introduce laws that will put an end to the shameful practice. The matter is to be presented to the senators and representatives in a manner that will convince them of the truth of the stories told about the pay day dances.

ARTILLERY SERGEANT SLUGGED IN IWILEI

Sergeant B. T. Kelley, sixty-eight years of age, while making his regular rounds in the Iwilei district at an early hour yesterday morning, was the victim of a brutal assault by an unknown assailant. While passing a dark alley way he was suddenly struck down from behind and rendered unconscious. He was taken to the Queen's Hospital where he was treated for a ugly scalp wound.

EMPERORS ARE WATCHING BIG BATTLE RAGING NEAR WARSAW

Czar Is Eye-Witness To Furious Fighting At Russian Headquarters At Bzura. While Kaiser Sees His Men Work In Trenches

SOVEREIGNS ARE ONLY SHORT DISTANCE APART

Germans Make Tremendous Effort To Shatter Muscovite Lines With Six Hundred Massed Field Pieces In Action

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, February 8.—With the Czar and the Kaiser as eye-witnesses of the struggles of their respective forces, the great battle for the possession of the positions protecting Warsaw from invasion is continuing, each side fighting with a fury that has been unequalled in the campaign which has been marked by slaughter and destruction never equalled in history.

NICHOLAS AT BZURA

Czar Nicholas has been at the Russian headquarters at the Bzura for the past several days, his arrival having marked the commencement of the offensive on the German left on the part of the Slavs.

Kaiser Wilhelm joined his generals at the front yesterday and at once proceeded direct to the front, actually entering the trenches from which his infantry were hurling their volleys at the Russian trenches, only a few score yards distant.

BATTLE IS FURIOUS

Nothing from either Berlin or Petrograd, has been disclosed as to the progress of the battle yesterday, the latest reports saying only that it was raging with unabated fury. The German effort to break through at all cost is being continued, while the Russians are valiantly withstanding the repeated assaults and the hail of shells from six hundred massed field pieces.

CONFLICT IS DEVELOPING

In East Prussia, in the valley of the Inster River, between Guben and Insterburg, another great battle is developing. The Germans have detached a portion of their force from the Bzura district, which has joined the army of defense in East Prussia, and a stubborn resistance to the advance of the Russians upon Insterburg, the main railroad junction of northeast East Prussia, is being effected.

SITUATION AT CRACOW

In the Carpathian region, while the Russian right is making progress to the south of Cracow, the Russians are only able to report that their left, operating through the Uzkok Pass, has been checked by the Austro-German offensive.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN WEST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

BERLIN, February 8.—Trench to trench fighting has been resumed in Flanders and in Northern France, according to an official announcement made by the general staff last night. Success in one portion of the line, with a slight loss in another is reported. The official statement says:

"Southeast of Ypres we have taken a French trench, capturing two machine guns from the British."

"South of the La Basse canal the enemy has penetrated one of our trenches and a battle for the possession of the ground is now raging."

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